

THURSTON COUNTY 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – DECEMBER 9, 2020



Public Hearing Follow Up & Next Steps
Continued from 12/2/2020 briefing

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OVERVIEW

2020 Comprehensive Plan Update (continuing items)

- Summary of Options
- Next Steps/Timeline

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GOAL OF TODAY'S BRIEFING

Direct staff which options to include in the final Comprehensive Plan and resolution.

Decision requested no later than today's briefing

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OPTIONS MOVING FORWARD (NEXT STEPS/TIMEFRAME)

- **Option 1:** Direct staff to move forward all proposed amendments for final adoption, and direct which mineral lands and forestry options (A, C, D, E, F) to include.
 - Adoption would be scheduled for December 15, 2020.
- **Option 2:** Direct staff to move all but the mineral lands amendments for adoption, and direct with forestry option (F) to include.
 - Adoption would be scheduled for December 15, 2020.
 - For mineral lands, direct staff to develop other options, hold additional stakeholder meetings, or otherwise.
- **Option 3:** Direct staff to delay entire 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update (all elements: mineral lands, forestry, parks, and health) to 2021.

THURSTON THRIVES / PHSS RESPONSE – CHANGES REQUESTED FOR CHAPTER 11

Public Health & Social Services responds to the Thurston Thrives recommendations for changes to the 2020 Health & Human Services Chapter update as follows:

- Support Thurston Thrives recommendations 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9 without changes. Sources: Health Equity Community Health Assessment (CHA) 2019; Racial Equity Assessment 2020.
- Support TT recommendation #2 with one change: delete the word "significantly". Sources: Health Equity CHA 2019; Racial Equity Assessment 2020.
- Support TT recommendation #5, with one change in the 9th policy statement: replace word "equality" with "equity." Sources: Health Equity CHA 2019; Racial Equity Assessment 2020.
- Support TT recommendation #8, with change of wording: **replace "especially..." with "with particular attention to..."**

PHSS Overall Recommendation: Support each of these Thurston Thrives recommended changes, with minor edits.

SUMMARY OF ALL DECISION POINTS AND OPTIONS

MINERAL LANDS OPTIONS				FORESTRY OPTION
Decision A - Designation Criteria Amendment	Decision C - Resource Use Notice	Decision D - Expansion Policies	Decision E - Designation at the Site Level	Decision F – Long Term Forestry Amendments
A-1 Maintain current criteria	C-1 (PC Recommendation) Maintain current language of 1,000-feet for plats	D-1 Allow expansion only onto designated MRL	E-1 Double-threshold designation, allowing into the 1,000 feet from UGAs and parks	F-1 No change to land use or zoning, keep all 7 parcels (+/- 173 acres) in the Long-Term Forestry designation
A-2 (PC Recommendation) Change criteria to co-designate w/ ag lands	C-2 Reduce language for plats to 500 feet	D-2 Allow expansion of existing mines onto undesignated MRL, including areas in the 1,000-foot separation distance from UGA and Parks.	E-2 (PC Recommendation) If any portion is designated, the whole parcel is considered "designated" for permitting purposes	F-2 (PC Recommendation) Remove any or all parcels from Long Term Forestry designation, and amend land use and zoning to Rural Residential Resource 1/5 (RRR 1/5)
		D-3 (PC Recommendation) Stakeholder developed hybrid option (allow for expansion/new into 1,000 feet in specific scenarios)	E-3 The entire parcel must be mapped to be permitted	

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Decision A - Designation Criteria Amendment	Considerations	Written Comments
A-1 Maintain current criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current designation criteria • Does not co-designate (~2,119 acres) of agricultural lands • May limit flexibility of farmers impacted by not co-designating 	124/130 (95%)
A-2 (PC Recommendation) Change criteria to co-designate w/ ag lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent with GMA guidance that overlapping resource designations should not necessarily be considered inconsistent WAC 360-190-040(7)(b) • Co-designates roughly ~2,119 acres of LTA/MRL • Stakeholder-developed language included in the draft that may mitigate some of the public's concerns about co-designation and impacts to Long-Term Agriculture base. 	4/130 (3%)

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Map N-2
Designated Mineral Resource Lands

Option A-1: Designated Mineral Resource Lands

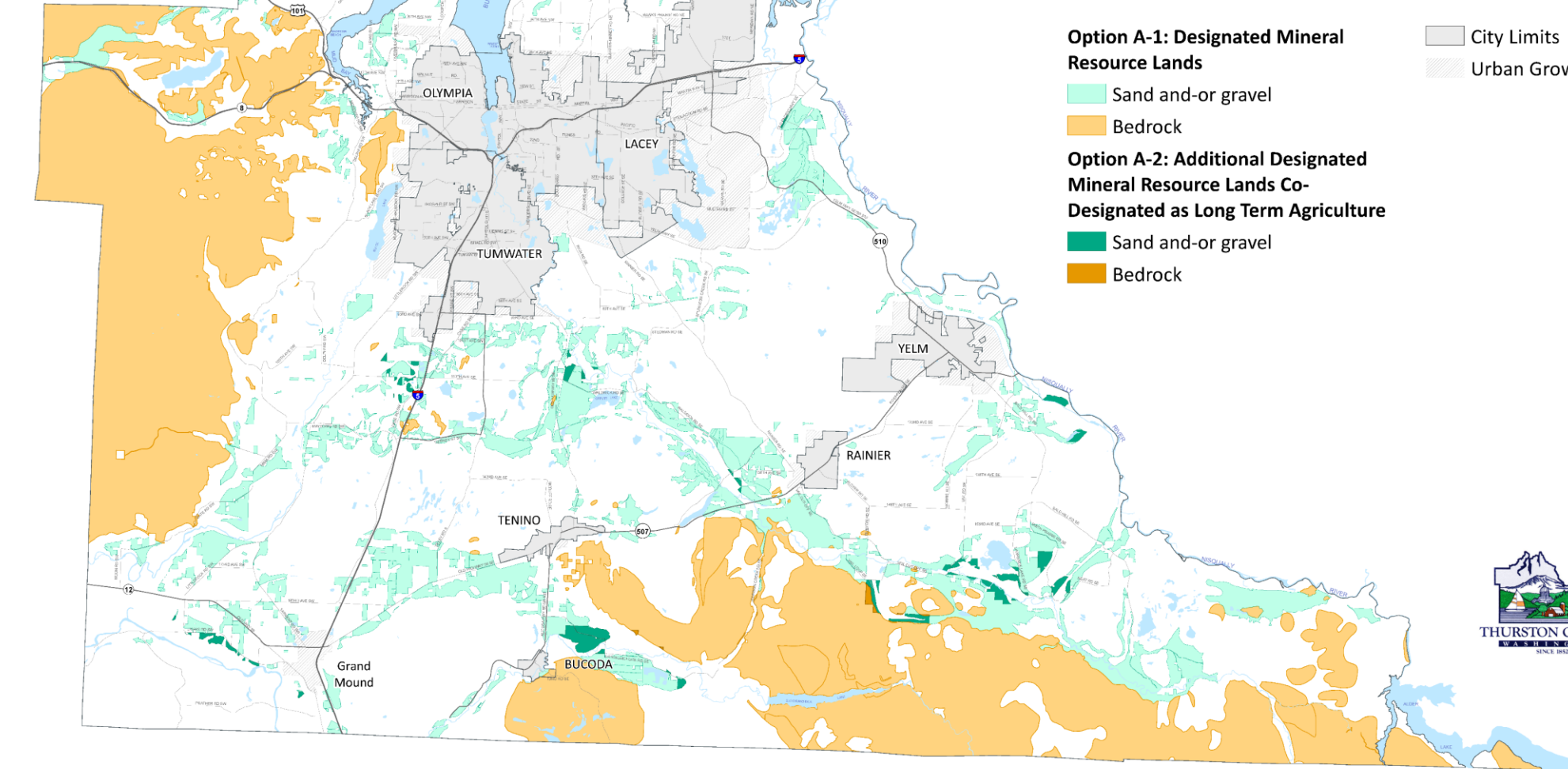
- Sand and-or gravel
- Bedrock

Option A-2: Additional Designated Mineral Resource Lands Co-Designated as Long Term Agriculture

- Sand and-or gravel
- Bedrock

City Limits

Urban Growth Areas



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Decision C - Resource Use Notice	Considerations	Written Comments
C-1 (PC Recommendation) Maintain current language of 1,000-feet for plats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains the current code language • Consistent with RCW 36.70A.060(b) • Greater notification proximity • In 2003, the Board amended this code to increase plat notice from 500 feet to 1,000 feet 	12/130 (9%)
C-2 Reduce language for plats to 500 feet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowers notification to 500 feet • Consistent with RCW 36.70A.060(b) – the minimum distance is 500 feet • Option was recommended as a possible alternative by stakeholder group • Consistent with all other resource use notices in code 	1/130 (<1%)

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Decision D - Expansion Policies	Considerations			Written Comments
	Difference in Options	Ease of Implementation	Flexibility to Industry	
D-1 Allow expansion only onto designated MRL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows mining to apply <u>only</u> on designated MRL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easiest to implement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Least flexibility 	115/130 - <u>modified</u> (88%)
D-2 Allow expansion of existing mines onto undesignated MRL, including areas in the 1,000-foot separation distance from UGA and Parks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows expansion of existing operations onto undesignated lands (including 1,000 feet) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some flexibility 	0
D-3 (PC Recommendation) Stakeholder developed hybrid option (allow for expansion/new into 1,000 feet in specific scenarios)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows expansion (and new) onto undesignated lands in specific cases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers and parks (new and exp.) Donated parks (new and exp.) Mines expanding out of UGA into 1,000 feet (exp. only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most flexibility 	5/130 (4%)

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Decision E - Designation at the Site Level	Considerations		Written Comments
	Ease of Implementation	Flexibility to Industry	
E-1 Double-threshold designation (0.25 acres and 5%), allowing into the 1,000 feet from UGAs and parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenging to implement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some flexibility 	115/130 - <u>modified</u> (88%)
E-2 (PC Recommendation) If any portion is designated, the whole parcel is considered "designated" for permitting purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Straightforward to implement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most flexibility 	5/130 (4%)
E-3 The entire parcel must be mapped to be permitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Straightforward to implement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Least flexibility 	0

SUMMARY OF DECISION POINTS FOR LONG-TERM FORESTRY

Decision F – Long Term Forestry	Written Comments
F-1 Make no change to any of the 7 parcels. Leave the Long-Term Forestry designated, land use, and zoning as is.	0
F-2 (PC Recommendation, all 7 parcels) Amend the land use and associated zoning of any or all of the seven parcels (0-173.52 acres) from Long-Term Forestry to Rural Residential Resource 1/5, and respectively remove from the Long-Term Forestry designation.	0

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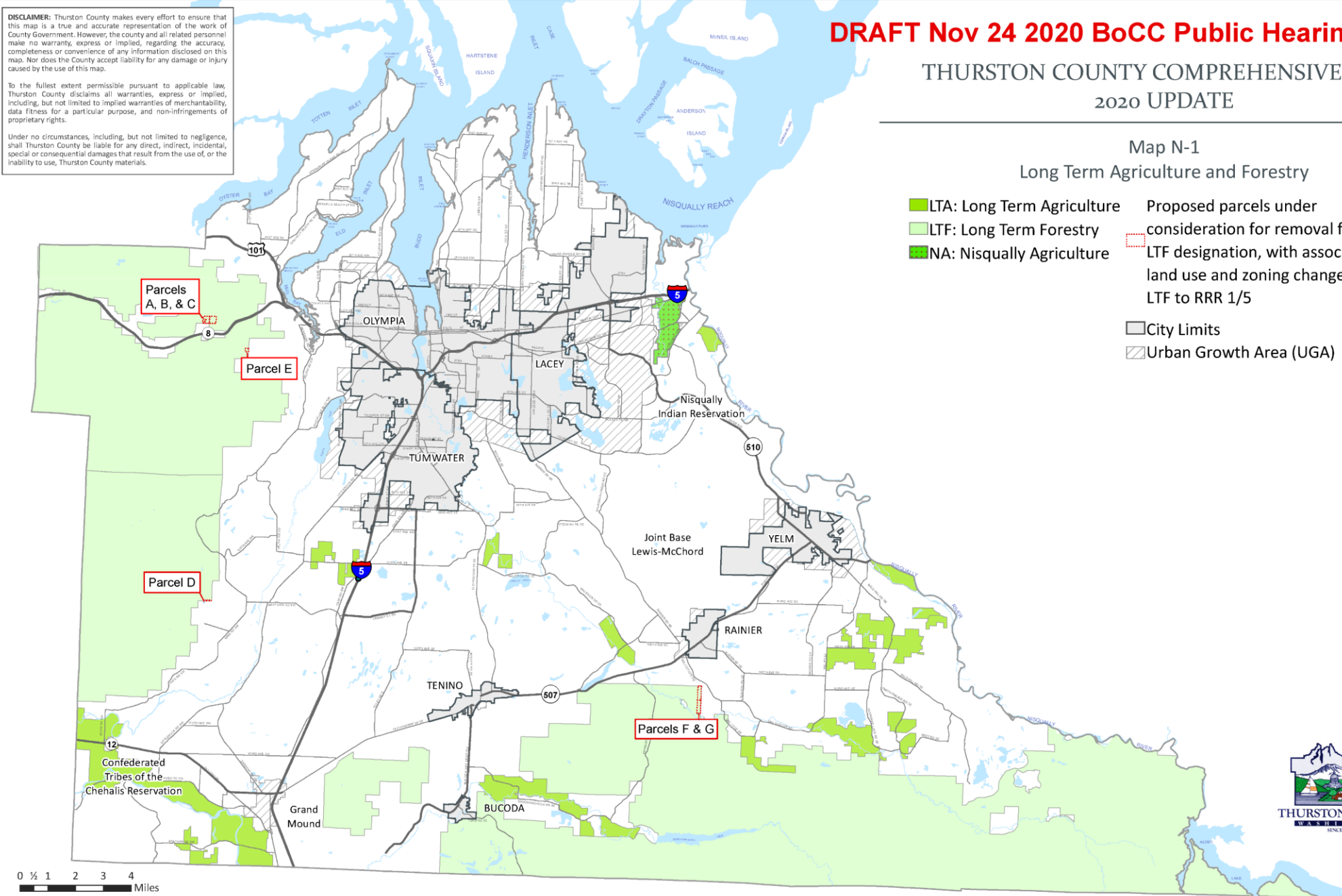
Map N-1
Long Term Agriculture and Forestry

- LTA: Long Term Agriculture
- LTF: Long Term Forestry
- NA: Nisqually Agriculture
- Proposed parcels under consideration for removal from LTF designation, with associated land use and zoning changes from LTF to RRR 1/5
- City Limits
- Urban Growth Area (UGA)

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OPTIONS FOR NEXT STEPS

- Direct staff which options to include in the final Comprehensive Plan and resolution. (*Direction requested by 12/9*)

Option 1

Direct staff to move forward all proposed amendments, and direct which options (A, C, D, E, F)

Action on December 15, 2020

- Adoption of 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update (*continuing items*), with Rochester Subarea Plan and (if directed) RAP

Option 2

Direct staff to move forward all but mineral lands amendments (provide direction on Option F)

December 15, 2020

- Adoption of forestry, parks, and health elements

2021

- Continued review of mineral lands element, additional research or stakeholder meetings

Option 3

Direct staff delay entire 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update until 2021.

2021

- Continued review of mineral lands, forestry, parks and health elements. Additional research or stakeholder meetings, Board meetings, and final action end of 2021.

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ABOUT THE FINAL RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE

- The Comprehensive Plan can only be amended once per year by resolution. A single adopting motion will be included.
- What will be included within the final adopting resolution and ordinance on December 15, 2020?
- **Rochester Subarea Plan**
 - August 19, 2020 – Board provided direction (3-0) to include the new Subarea Plan in the final resolution.
- **Recycled Asphalt Policy E.5 – Nisqually Subarea Plan**
 - December 2, 2020 – Board provided direction (2-1) to include amended policy E.5 (with Best Management Practice covering requirement) in final resolution.
- **2020 Comprehensive Plan Update**
 - Pending today's direction

Questions?

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